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Coconino County Sheriff's Office

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Search and Rescue Moves into the New SAR Building on the LEAF Campus
By Sergeant Aaron Dick

After several years of planning, anticipation, and construction the Search and Rescue Unit has moved into the new Search and Rescue building located at the south end of the LEAF Campus behind the Detention Facility. While the building is not completely finished the garage space has been completed to the point that we can store the SAR equipment and respond from there. Having the SAR equipment more centrally located and having more space to operate out of will improve our efficiency and improve our response time.

Recognition for Joan Graboski and Detention Volunteers

Commander Kurt Braatz & Joan Graboski

On June 23rd, the Sheriff's Office recognized the many volunteers that give their time and enthusiasm to the inmates at the Detention Facility. Dinner was provided by staff in their honor at the LEAF auditorium. Sheriff Pribil, Commander Braatz, the Detention Lieutenants, Exodus staff, and Detention Staff attended to acknowledge the service provided by our volunteers and to thank them for their continuous dedication.

Joan Graboski was recognized for her four years of service as the Detention Programs Coordinator and also for her retirement in June. When Joan came on board, it was a transitional time for the programs area and Joan brought organization and balance to the activities to parallel the plans of other counties in our state. Part of that included working with the staff to ensure the safety and security for facilitators, volunteers, staff and inmates.

Some of the programs that are offered to the inmates by facilitators include religious and spiritual (e.g. bible study,

Sheriff Pribil and Volunteer Greg Ribas

worship services, pastoral visitation, dog theraphy, native mourning and talking circles), substance recovery, educational, job skills, and anger management.

Volunteer Therapy Dog, "Pesah"

Without the unselfish work of our volunteers, these programs would not be possible. Detention Services thanks all of the volunteers who offer their time and talents to help reduce recidivism through inmate programs. Special thanks to our new Program Coordinator, Jim Bret and Sergeant Mike Wildermuth for assisting with the event.

Equifest in Prescott

Deputy Rick Shouse along with his K9 Partner Kiko and Corporal Gerrit Boeck along with his K9 Partner Viktor traveled to Prescott for the annual Olsen's Grain Equifest held at the Yavapai County Fairgrounds. The two teams participated in a joint demonstration with the Prescott Police Department, Prescott Valley Police Department, and the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office. The demonstration consisted of suspect apprehension, narcotics detection, handler protection, and obedience.

The Coconino County Sheriff' Office Mounted Unit participated in the Arizona Equifest held June 6, 2009 at the Prescott Rodeo Grounds. Also present were Mounted Units from the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, Tempe Police Department and Scottsdale Police Department. The Mounted Units demonstrated a vehicle extraction, crowd control techniques, an arrest scenario, and obstacle desensitizing methods. The Coconino County Sheriffs Office in the past has worked closely with the valley agencies providing security and a law enforcement presence in high profile events such as the Tempe Block Party, the Fiesta Bowl, and the Super Bowl.

The Arizona Equifest is presented by Olsen's Feed. Olsen's Grain has played an important role in the existence of both the Sheriff's Office Mounted and Canine Units; they have strived to assist both of these programs in a variety of ways. A huge thanks to them and their Flagstaff management Warren and Kristi Hubbard.

ID Theft Trainings Attended by Communities

Deputy Joel Winchester

At the June 25th Kachina Village Community meeting, Deputy Joel Winchester gave a presentation on the subject of Fraud and Identity Theft. The meeting was hosted at the Highlands Fire Station on Kona Trail, with twelve citizens in attendance.

The presentation focused on the various ways identity theft and fraud can occur, how it can impact victims, and some preventative steps that citizens can take to minimize risk.

Fraud and Identity Theft are the fastest growing criminal activities through out the country and are often tied to international efforts. These types of crime frequently support and finance organized crime, the drug culture, and terrorism.

In an ongoing effort to inform an often unsuspecting public and to effectively combat these illegal activities, educating our community is an important means available to the law enforcement effort.

New Community Deputy Selected for Doney Park

Deputy Bill Mitchell

The Sheriff's Office would like to congratulate Deputy Bill Mitchell for being selected as our newest Community Deputy for the Doney Park area. Deputy Mitchell has been with the Sheriff's Office for over three years and looks forward to helping Doney Park.

The goals of Community Deputies are to improve public satisfaction of law enforcement presence and efforts to address public safety and traffic issues in Coconino County.

Some of the responsibilities of Community Deputies are to conduct regular community meetings, to create and maintain partnerships with community members and groups, to coordinate volunteers, to distribute public safety information to residences in targeted communities, to implement regular radar screening, to increase awareness of traffic and speed issues, to increase public awareness of public safety and emergency preparedness, and to survey communities to determine the effectiveness of the Community Programs curriculum and the public outreach campaign.

Celebrating Our Information Technology Staff

The Sheriff's Office employs an Information Technology (IT) staff of eight people that have vast areas of expertise. They provide the primary computer hardware and software support for the Flagstaff Police Department, Coconino County Sheriff's Office, NAU Police Department and Williams Police Department. They also provide support to the Flagstaff Fire Department for their Firehouse program; support to the Sheriff's Office, Pre-Trial Services and Juvenile Detention/Court for phone systems; and the radio communications system of the Sheriff's Office countywide.

Under the management of Larry Zamora, the IT team continually keeps all of our computers and servers up and running behind the scenes and tackles a plethora of interagency information sharing projects. Larry has been with the Sheriff's Office for nine years. Above and beyond the numerous IT certifications, Larry recently completed the Intermediate Incident Command System training, Leadership in Police Organizations academy, and was recipient of the National Public Service Award.

Dan Sereno has been with our office for a year and a half as a System Specialist and is tasked with keeping our automated dispatch system updated with current addresses and geospatal data. With this programming, it is possbile to quickly di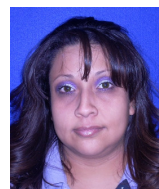spatch law enforcement and fire agencies to emergency calls. This programming also provides the ability to map crimes within neighborhoods for Community Policing objectives. Over the past year Dan has completed certification in GeoMedia Professional 6.0, GeoMedial/IMAP Editor, Decesion Support with GeoMedia, Fundamentals of Map Construction Using GeoMedia Professional, Public Safety I/CAD Admin Cert Program, and the ACJIS Network Terminal Operator Certification.

Three Technical Specialists are part of the IT Team. Richard White has been with the team for over four years. Nina Garcia and Diana Husband have been on the team for over a year. They are responsible for set up, updates and repairs of PCs, and respond to software and hardware work requests.

Scott George is a System Specialist and has been employed at the Sheriff's Office for seven years. He manages numerous projects including Coplogic, Coplink, CrimeReports.com, PoliceReports.us, Informer, E-Citation, Citrix, our internal Records Management System, and multiple interfaces between our database and other public safety databases. Recently, Scott completed certification in Records Manamgenet System /Jail Manaement System Agency Configuration, NetMotion Wireless, ILEADS Administration, CTX-1259, Citrix Presentation Server 4.5: Administration, and Oracle Database 10g: Introduction to SQL ED 2. Scott has also received the Coconino County SPIRIT Award and National Public Service Awards for participating on our Strategic Planning Team and for our Computer Aided Dispatch Upgrade Team.

Christina Cazeras has worked for the Sheriff's Office for more than nine years. She began as a Detention Support Specialist in the Detention Facility where she was also a trainer for other employees using the Jail Management System database. Currently she is an Administrative Specialist responsible for the data integrity of the shared records of the Sheriff's Office and Flagstaff Police.

Tom Florman has been with the Sheriff's Office for over 37 years. Prior to serving on our IT Team, he was an officer and supervisor with our Patrol Division from which he retired. He also managed our Dispatch Center before we entered into a shared dispatch center with the Flagstaff Police Department. Currently, he is our Communications Manager. His responsibilities are: to coordinate research, purchases, and installation of mobile, portable and base station radio equipment for the Sheriff, Jail and Search and Rescue divisions; complete all radio licensing and coordination with APCO for operation of the Sheriff's radio system; coordinate all interoperability with local, state and federal agencies through not only the Sheriff radio network but AERS (Arizona Emergency Radio System; coordinate and manage two telephone switches for the daily operations at the Jail, Juvenile Detention, Pre-Trial Services, Flagstaff Police and Sheriff; manage cellular and paging equipment and accounts for the Sheriff and Jail; provide support and training to any division as needed or requested for research and development of newer up to date telephony and radio infrastructure.

Timothy Richards has been a Systems Specialist with our IT Team for a year and a half. He does Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) administration and design for programs such as Dispatcher, Informer, Mobiles, and Netviewer. He also developed our internal (intranet) web page which includes database administration and reporting for CAD and our Records Management System. Since his employment with the Sheriff's Office, Tim has completed training in many areas inlcudng GeoMedia IMAP Editor, GeoMedia Professional 6.0, Oracle Database 10g: Program with PL/SQL ED1, Oracle Database 10g: Administration Workshop I, Oracle Database 10g: Administration Workshop II Ed 3, CTX-1259, Citrix Presentation Server 4.5: Administration, I/CAD System Administration Boot Camp, Configuring the I/CAD GUI for Public Safety, Public Safety I/CAD User Certificate Program, and the Public Safety I/CAD Administrator Certificate Program.

The Sheriff's Office is proud of our IT team and thank them for their ceaseless service to all agencies.

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Grand Canyon Emergency Round Up
By Sergeant Aaron Dick

On June 9th the Coconino County Sheriff's Office and the Coconino County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Unit participated in the Grand Canyon Emergency Communications Round-up at the South Rim of Grand Canyon National Park. We displayed our Incident Command Trailer along with several other agencies' communications vehicles including the Arizona Department of Homeland Security TOAD Communications Vans, and the Arizona Red Cross Emergency Communications Vehicle. An update and training on the Arizona Interoperable/Emergency Radio System was presented by the Arizona Government Information Technology Agency's Public Safety Communications Advisory Commission.

Several new pieces of communications technology were on display including the Iridium Shout which is a commercial grade satellite messenger similar to SPOT but with some additional messaging and tracking options for personnel accountability. This product is not on the market yet but is being tested by several agencies including Grand Canyon National Park.

This event was a good opportunity to learn about the emergency communications resources in the area and to continue to work toward interoperability so that future emergency responses can be enhanced by better communication between responding agencies.